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YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS

CHRONOLOGY

I. Four phases to "normalization" campaign -

- A. June-December '53 - starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador to Yugoslavia: little by either side for rest of year.
- B. January-April '54 - Lull.
- C. May to mid-September '54 - campaign resumed - (small-scale trade, apology for maltreatment of Yugo diplomats in USSR.)
- D. Mid-September to present - intensified phase.

II. Position in mid-September '54 was -

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) with all Satellites except Poland. Border incidents at end following establishment of joint border commissions.

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- a. Border: Barter with Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany (total value \$4 million each way), rail interchange regularized, improved relations on Danube River traffic.
- b. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
- c. Political: Soviet Ambassador had visited Tito twice .

III. Chronology Mid-September to Present

- 16 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.
- 21 Sept Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of unknown Yugo soldier

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- 26-27 Sept Soviet press references to  
economic progress in Yugoslavia
- 27 Sept Guardedly favorable Yugoslav  
press reaction to announced  
dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian  
joint stock companies.
- 29 Sept Anti-Tito radio in Rumania  
goes off air.
- 1 Oct Small trade agreement (\$2.5  
million each way by year's  
end) with USSR.
- 4 Oct Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito  
books.
- 11 Oct Agreement on high-level trade  
talks.
- 13 Oct Vyshinsky "takes cognizance"  
of Trieste settlement.
- 13 Oct Yugoslavs admit granting  
Soviet request for permission  
for commercial overflight.

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- 13 Oct Yugoslav emigre propaganda  
mills in Orbit reported  
abolished.
- 13 Oct Chinese Communist embassies  
reported inviting Yugoslav  
diplomats to national day  
parties.
- 13 Oct Yugoslav press interprets  
dissolution of Soviet-Chinese  
joint companies as change in  
policy, as well as methods.
- 14 Oct Radio Belgrade's transmissions  
in Russia no longer jammed.
- 16-20 Oct On tenth anniversary Belgrade  
liberation, USSR press and  
radio plug Yugoslav partisans.
- 25 Oct Tito says he hopes for con-  
tinuation of "normalization

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- 26 Oct Tito tells Stassen that  
Russians know they must not  
expect "normalization" to  
alter Yugo cooperation with  
West and that talk of return  
to the Orbit was "arrant  
nonsense."
- 26 Oct Yugo ambassador received by  
Bulgarian premier (first such  
meeting in Satellites).
- 30 Oct Yugoslav and Soviet exchange  
of films under negotiation.
- 6 Nov Politburo member Saburov, in  
major speech, plugs improved  
relations with Yugo, pledges  
continued efforts - Khrushchev  
tells Yugo ambassador that  
statement was "carefully  
examined" decision.

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- 8 Nov Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo people in congratulations to Voroshilov on Soviet national holiday.
- 11 Nov Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentralization of Soviet economic administration (as in Yugo).
- 14 Nov Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes Satellites).
- 21 Nov Tito says Yugos, while favoring idea of such meeting, won't attend Soviet European Security conference.
- 28 Nov Malenkov, Khrushchev, Molotov and Bulganin - attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy - toast "Comrade Tito and the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

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29 Nov      Some Satellite premiers attend  
Yugoslav national holiday  
receptions.

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